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In connection with Serial No. 10/561,329:
Communication in response to July 5, 2007 Office Action.

Due Date: August 5, 2007

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speed when the charge period length is shorter than a predetermined length.

The Office Action further states that the application contains claims directed to more than one species, and that if group I or II is elected, applicant is required to elect one of the following species:

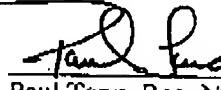
- A. The charging means applies the charges from a state where the conveyance belt is stopped until the predetermined conveyance speed is reached.
- B. The charging means applies the charges from a state where the conveyance belt is at the predetermined speed until the belt is stopped.
- C. The charging means applies the charges from a state where the conveyance belt is stopped until the predetermined conveyance speed is reached, and from a state where the conveyance belt is at the predetermined conveyance speed until the belt is stopped.

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group I and Species A. Claims readable on Species A are claims 1-3.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required in connection with this response and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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